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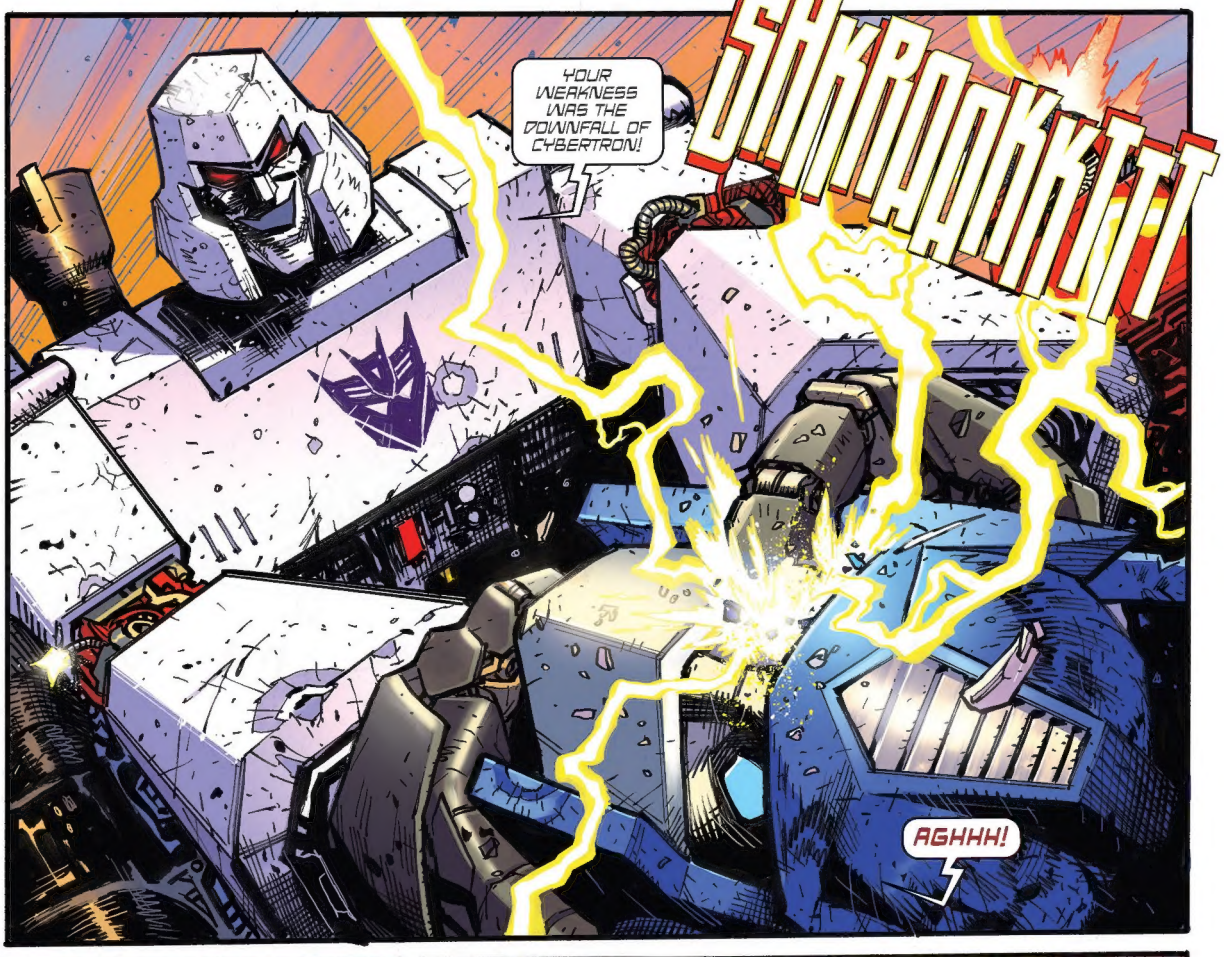
I PITY YOU, AUTOBOTS!
I SEE YOUR STRUGGLE!
BOOM!!
KRKK!
YOU FIGHT WITH HONOR AND PASSION!
IF ONLY YOUR CAUSE WAS JUST.
BUT IT IS OFFENSIVELY NAIVE.
BRAWN, NO!

NEVER!

NEVER PRIME!

STOP THIS MEGATRON!

KRAKK
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. THE LEADER OF THE AUTOBOTS, BEGGING FOR AN END???
BOOM!
YOUR SOFTNESS BROUGHT MALAISE TO OUR PRECIOUS HOME!
SLAM!
STOP--
KRAKKK


YOUR WEAKNESS WAS THE DOWNFALL OF CYBERTRON!
SHKRAAKKTT
AGHHH!

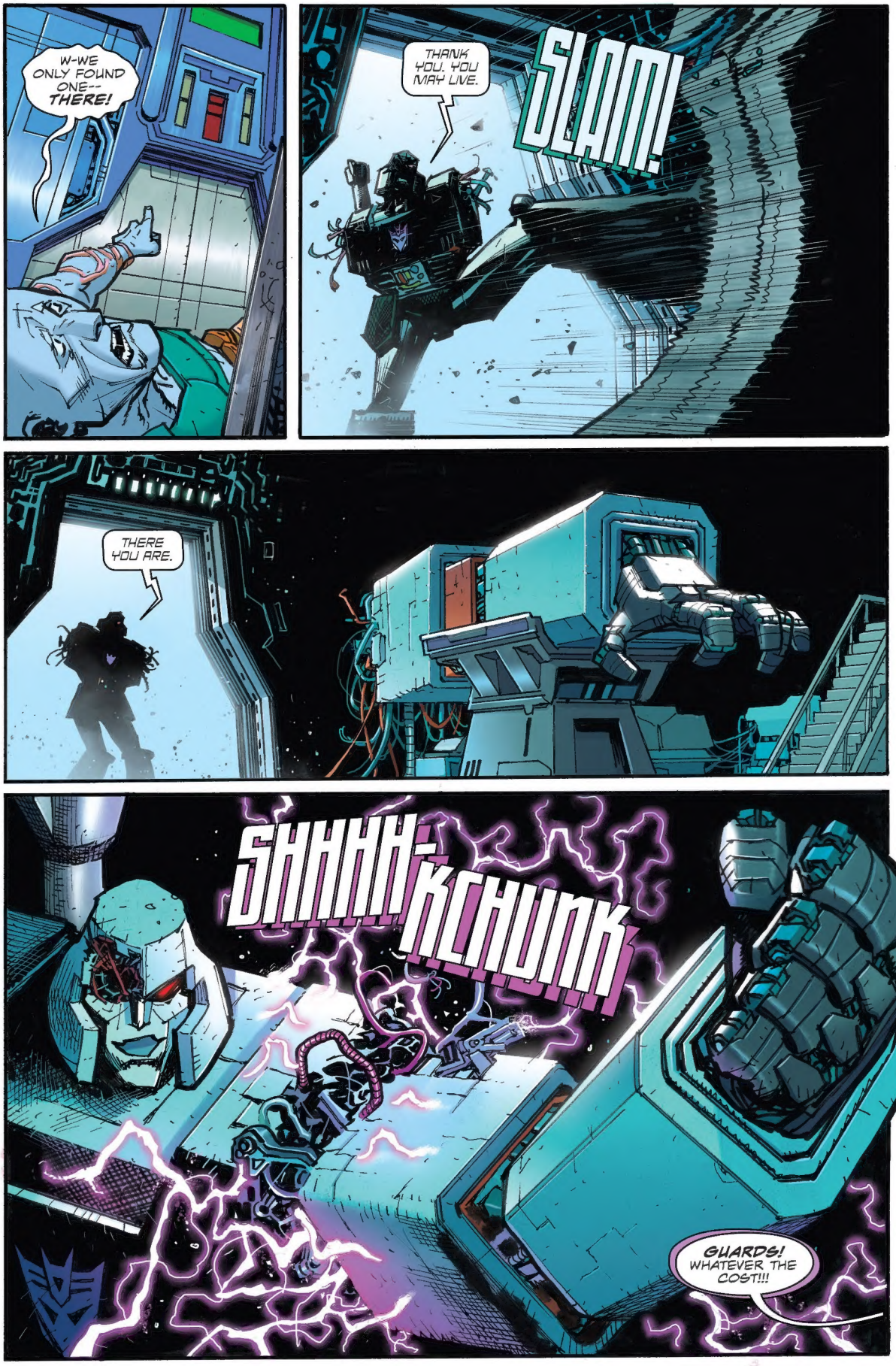
SHWAZZZ

GREAHHHHHH!
SLICE

THROKKK
STARSCREAM--!
MEGATRON...
SHHHH...

DON'T WORRY... REST NOW.
WHAT ARE--NO--
LET ME RELIEVE YOU OF THIS HEAVY BURDEN OF LEADERSHIP.
KLOPPP
KLOPPPP
NOOO!

STARSCREAMMM!
REPORT! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
ENERGY READINGS ARE OFF THE CHARTS! HE'S--
SHUT HIM DOWN! SHUT HIM DOW--
IT'S TOO LATE!
STOMP
AIEEEE!
SMALL THING. DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE YOUR EXISTENCE?
P-PLEASE, I HAVE TWO BOYS--
THEN TELL ME.
WHERE ARE MY LIMBS?


W-WE ONLY FOUND ONE-- THERE!
THANK YOU. YOU MAY LIVE.
SLAM!
THERE YOU ARE.
SHHHH-KCHUNK
GUARDS! WHATEVER THE COST!!!

DO NOT LET THIS BEAST ESCAPE!!
HAH. BEAST.
SO IT SHALL BE.

BOOM
YAHHH!
YOU ARE A METAL ABOMINATION! INORGANIC FILTH!
KRAK
YOU STILL BELONG TO ME!
BELONG...?

PATHETIC INSECT...
SHWOZZZZZZZ
DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM???!!!
I BELONG TO NO ONE!!!
KRAKOOM

YOU ARE MISTAKEN, BEAST.
YEAHHHRR!
NO!!! I AM THE LEADER OF THE DECEPTICONS! THE LEADER OF THE TRUE WAY!

THE ONLY WAY!
KHOOM!
POOF!
I AM COMING FOR YOU, STARSCREAM.
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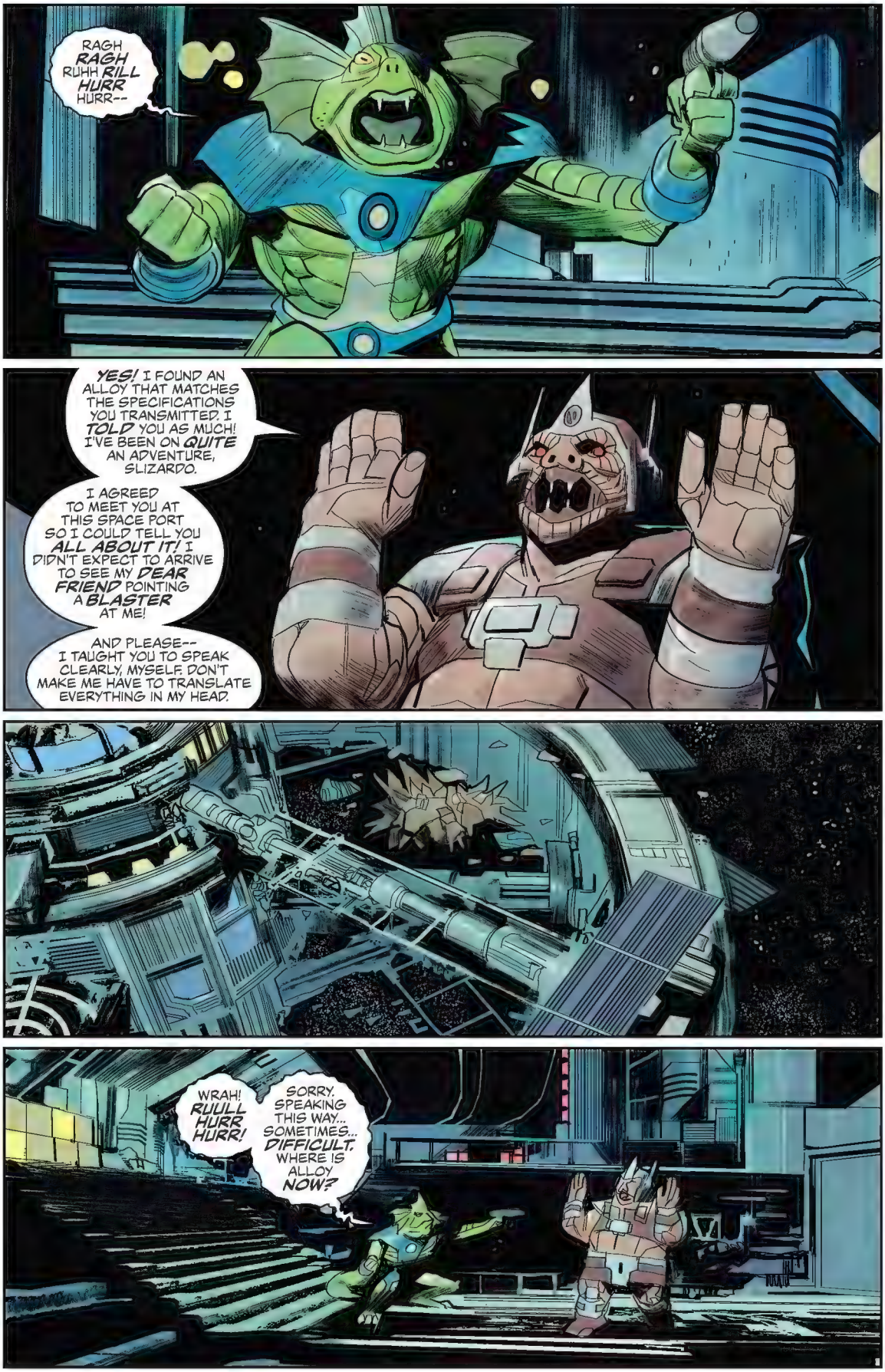
TRANSFORMERS

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!


RAGH RAGH RUHH RILL HURR HURR--
YES! I FOUND AN ALLOY THAT MATCHES THE SPECIFICATIONS YOU TRANSMITTED. I TOLD YOU AS MUCH! I'VE BEEN ON QUITE AN ADVENTURE, SLIZARDO.
I AGREED TO MEET YOU AT THIS SPACE PORT SO I COULD TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO ARRIVE TO SEE MY DEAR FRIEND POINTING A BLASTER AT ME!
AND PLEASE-- I TAUGHT YOU TO SPEAK CLEARLY, MYSELF. DON'T MAKE ME HAVE TO TRANSLATE EVERYTHING IN MY HEAD.
WRAH! RUULL HURR HURR!
SORRY. SPEAKING THIS WAY... SOMETIMES... DIFFICULT. WHERE IS ALLOY NOW?

I DON'T HAVE IT!
CAN YOU PUT THE BLASTER AWAY, OR AT THE VERY LEAST AGREE NOT TO SHOOT ME, SO I CAN LOWER MY ARMS?!
I'M EXHAUSTED!
FINE, FINE.
RAGH RAGH HURR HURR--
SORRY, OLD HABITS. HOW YOU LOSE ALLOY?
I HAD A RUN-IN WITH THE QUINTESSONS AND... THEY TOOK IT. THEY SEEMED REALLY INTERESTED IN IT. THEY DIDN'T EXACTLY GIVE ME A CHOICE.
YOU KNOW HOW THEY ARE.
AS SOON AS I MENTIONED IT WAS ZERTONIAN, THEY JUST HAD TO HAVE IT.
ZERTONIAN?
OKAY. THIS CLEARLY ISN'T WORKING.

YOU'RE DEALING WITH ME NOW, SKUXXOID.
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT SHIP.
WHAT?! SLIZARDO, HOW COULD YOU?!
YOU'RE WORKING WITH THE CYBERTRONIANS?!

I WORK WITH WHOEVER PAYS.
THIS ONE, HOT ROD, I THINK... PAYS WELL.
HELLO? GIANT INTIMIDATING ROBOT HERE. REMEMBER?
I'M LOSING MY PATIENCE. LISTEN UP.
I'M TRACKING AN ALLY OF MINE WHO'S GONE MISSING. HE WAS OBSESSED WITH AN OLD CYBERTRONIAN LEGEND, THINKING IT WOULD LEAD HIM TO SOME WAY OF SAVING OUR WORLD.
I NEED TO FIND HIM.
ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME... OR ARE YOU GOING TO STAND IN MY WAY?
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW! I'M NOT LOYAL TO THE QUINTESSONS.
OR ANYONE!
:HEH HEH!:
YOU KNOW ME.
SADLY. I DO.

OKAY... THAT'S EVERYTHING! COORDINATES TO WHERE I FOUND THE SHIP. SCANS I TOOK OF THE ALLOYS FROM THE COMPOSITE SHIP. TRAJECTORY THE AGORRIAN AND ZERTONIAN TOOK WHEN THEY LEFT.
I'M SURE YOU CAN FIND YOUR WAY TO QUINTESSA IF YOU NEED TO.
I CAN.
THAT'LL DO.
STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, KIDS. I MEAN IT.
WHAT NOW?
NOW?!
THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH ADVENTURE FOR ME! I'M GOING HOME TO MY WIFE AND KIDS!
IT IS AS YOU SUSPECTED, MY LORD.
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOID RIVALS

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND, DUKE?!
THE LAST TIME YOU SAW BARONESS, SHE HAD A GUN AIMED AT YOUR HEAD!
TECHNICALLY, COLONEL HAWK, THE LAST TIME I SAW HER, SHE STOLE A HELICOPTER AND ESCAPED CUSTODY.
"DUKE, YOU SHOULD BE ARRESTING HER, NOT RECRUITING HER.
"ANASTASIA CISAROVNA IS OUT IN THE COLD RIGHT NOW BY HER OWN DOING.

"SHE'S EITHER PISSED OFF, STABBED IN THE BACK, OR KILLED EVERY ALLY SHE'S EVER HAD.

FWOOSH
"I SAID YOU HAD SOME LIBERTIES WITH BUILDING YOUR TEAM, BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH...

"THERE IS A REASON SO MANY PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE HER DOWN.

KRK!

"THIS IS THE LIFE SHE CHOSE FOR ***HERSELF.***

"SHE SHOULD BE SIPPING TEA IN A MASSIVE MANSION, POSTING BIKINI PICS FROM SOME ELITE RESORT...

"INSTEAD, SHE DECIDED TO BE A SPY AND ASSASSIN. AN ENEMY TO ***ALL.***"

"WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, YOU ASKED ME TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, AND BARONESS IS WATCHING THE BOX FROM A SNIPER SIGHT A MILE OUT.

"EVERYTHING YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT HER IS WHAT MAKES ME THINK SHE'S PERFECT FOR US.

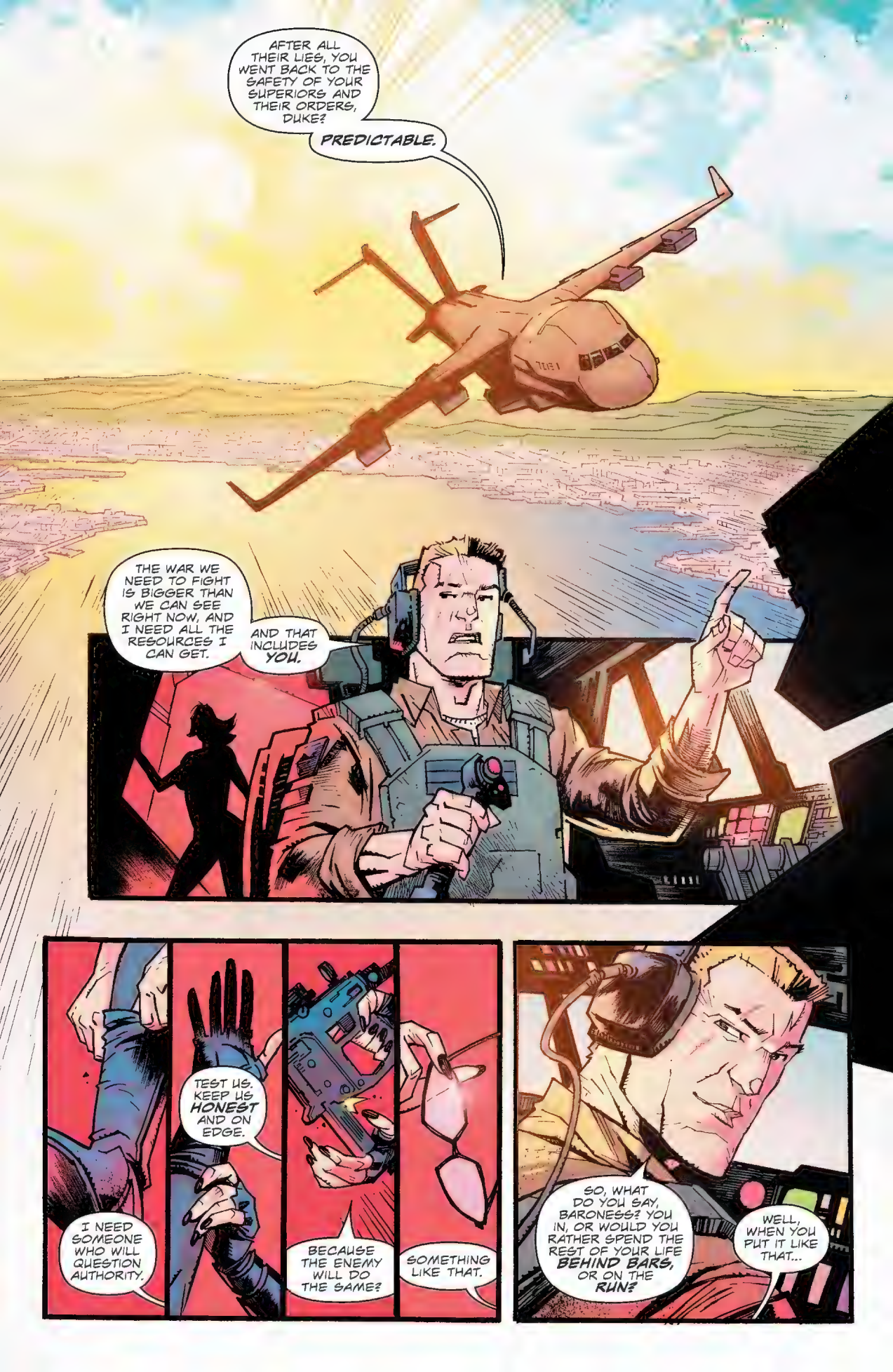
"SHE'S A SKILLED FIGHTER AND ONE OF THE BEST STRATEGISTS IN THE WORLD, SURE.

"BUT HER REAL TALENT IS THAT SHE ISN'T AFRAID TO GET DIRTY.

"AND THE TRUTH IS, COLONEL...

"IF WE DON'T GET HER...

"SOMEONE ELSE WILL."
NEED A LIFT?
WRRROOOM!
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
YOU CAN RIDE WITH ME OR THEM.
I HATE YOU, AMERICAN.
WELL, YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO LOVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU WHAT I HAVE PLANNED...


AFTER ALL THEIR LIES, YOU WENT BACK TO THE SAFETY OF YOUR SUPERIORS AND THEIR ORDERS, DUKE?
PREDICTABLE.
THE WAR WE NEED TO FIGHT IS BIGGER THAN WE CAN SEE RIGHT NOW, AND I NEED ALL THE RESOURCES I CAN GET.
AND THAT INCLUDES YOU.
I NEED SOMEONE WHO WILL QUESTION AUTHORITY.
TEST US. KEEP US HONEST AND ON EDGE.
BECAUSE THE ENEMY WILL DO THE SAME?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY, BARONESS? YOU IN, OR WOULD YOU RATHER SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE BEHIND BARS, OR ON THE RUN?
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...

YO JOE.

HM.
SCARLETT
SCARLETT
DREADNOKS
YOU WENT EASY ON HER.

OUR ORDERS WERE TO BRING HER IN ALIVE, COLONEL.
IT DIDN'T HELP THAT DUKE SHOWED UP LIKE SOME KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR AND HELPED HER GET AWAY.
THAT WAS NOT PART OF THE PLAN.
LADY JAYE IS RIGHT, SIR. I THOUGHT YOU WANTED US TO RECRUIT BARONESS TO OUR SIDE?
THIS STILL WORKED IN OUR FAVOR AS SHE NOW HAS A BOND WITH DUKE, FLINT.
WHY THE SUBTERFUGE?
DUKE AND I HAVE HAD SOME TRUST ISSUES RECENTLY...
...AND HE MUST NOT KNOW THAT WE'RE MAKING MORE THAN ONE TEAM...
TO BE CONTINUED IN G.I. JOE

WELCOME TO YEAR TWO OF THE ENERGON UNIVERSE

Last June Skybound and Hasbro teamed up to release the most surprising comic of the year with Robert Kirkman & Lorenzo De Felici's VOID RIVALS #1—stealth launching the Energon Universe with the surprise first appearance of Jetfire.

Many of you already know this because you were there to make it one of the most successful comic launches of 2023.

In October, we relaunched TRANSFORMERS with megastar Daniel Warren Johnson writing AND drawing the new adventures of the Autobots and Decepticons on Earth.

Even more of you know this because you made it quite possibly the MOST successful comic launch of last year.

That was followed by DUKE #1 in December, by Joshua Williamson & Tom Reilly, then COBRA COMMANDER #1 in January, also by Joshua Williamson & Andrea Milana.

Not only were these the two bestselling G.I. JOE titles of the past two decades, but the latter title finally answered the lingering question of "Where is Megatron?": imprisoned in Cobra-La, where he was being tortured and interrogated by Cobra Commander... and missing both arms.

This special kicks off Megatron's journey, stranded on this strange planet, where his enemies are more numerous than his allies... and, man, does he have a number of scores to settle. You won't have to wait too long before you see the former leader of the Decepticons exert his will on the entire Energon Universe.

But THAT'S only one piece of Year Two. This special introduces characters and story elements that will impact the heroes and villains of the EU in dramatic ways across VOID RIVALS, TRANSFORMERS, and the G.I. JOE miniseries. Who is Hot Rod searching for? Has Baroness really joined G.I. Joe? What is this other team that Colonel Hawk is recruiting? And... what is Slizardo saying half the time?

The stories told here are just the start of the next year of action-packed Energon Universe excitement. VOID RIVALS and TRANSFORMERS are available monthly at your local comic shop. While the DUKE and COBRA COMMANDER miniseries are wrapping up, we have TWO new miniseries launching in June: SCARLETT by Kelly Thompson & Marco Ferrari, and DESTRO by Dan Watters & Andrei Bressan. Both miniseries will continue to chart the formation of Codename: G.I. JOE and Cobra, introduce your favorite (and soon-to-be favorite) characters, and explore plenty of uncharted territory in this incredible shared universe.

We have PLENTY more amazing stories to tell the rest of the year, too, so keep reading, and thank you for supporting us!

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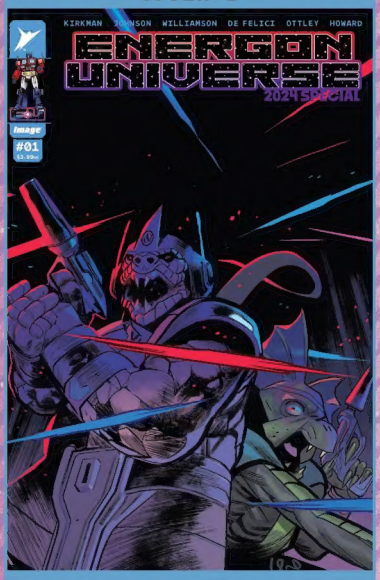

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